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OF THE

STATE CONVENTION

OF THE

BAPTIST DENOMINATION

IN

SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY,

HELD WITH

FLAT ROCK CHURCH, KERSHAW DISTRICT.

Commencing on the 9th, and ending on the 12th of December, 1843.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th.

THE Convention met at 11 o'clock; prayer by Br. Breaker; it having been agreed upon, in consequence of special circumstances, to dispense with the regular introductory sermon, and to take a recess at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing Professor Mims' Inaugural Address.

The credentials of delegates were called for, and their names enrolled.

Charleston Association.—S. Furman,† C. M. Breaker, D. R. Lide,† T. Mason,† T. Adams, W. E. Hughson,† W. Sanders,† C. Williams,† W. W. Childers, J. Du Pre,† M. T. Mendenhall,† T. Curtis, W. Curtis,† B. W. Whilden,† N. Graham.

Edgefield Association.—W. B. Johnson, J. M. Chiles,† Z. Watkins, W. P. Hill,† D. D. Brunson,† J. Trapp,† W. Watkins, M. M. Abney, F. F. Sieg,† John Huiet,† George Blocker.†

Savannah River Association.—H. D. Duncan,† D. Peeples,† A. J. Lawton, I. Nicholes, J. Fant,† M. Suares, W. H. Robert, J. W. Boyd,† G. Rhodes,† J. Beggs,† W. Hall, L. O'Bannon,† T. Beard,† J. S. Lawton.

Welsh Neck Association.—J. C. Furman, R. Furman, R. Napier,† J. O. B. Dargan, J. M. Timmons,† J. O. Kelly,† T. P. Lide, W. Kelly,† J. R. Terbeville,† P. K. M'Iver, J. A. Backus,† R. G.

† Absent.

Edwards,† J. K. M'Iver,† J. F. Wilson, W. Q. Beattie,† J. Fountain, sen'r., J. A. Fonville.†

Edisto Association.—A. M'Arthur,† T. Rambaut, L. Hickson,† J. G. O. Wilkinson,† W. Brooker, J. R. Scott,† J. Knotts,† A. Horn, W. Fort,† W. J. Fickling.†

Charleston Juvenile Female Missionary and Education Society.—D. R. Lide.†

Mount Moriah Female Missionary and Benevolent Society.—— ——.

Newberry Baptist Church.— —— ——.

Bush River Baptist Church.— —— ——.

Anderson District Missionary Society.—A. Rice, E. Razor, J. Pratt, sen'r.,† Thomas Dawson.

Shiloh Baptist Church.— —— ——.

Fairfield Baptist Church.—J. L. Reynolds, J. Culpeper.

Tyger River Association.—H. J. Dean, J. G. Landrum, S. Gibson,† J. M. Roberts,† J. C. Green,† A. M. Spalding,† J. Bomar.†

Silverton Missionary Society.— —— ——.

Little River Church.—J. Davis, T. Rabb.†

Flat Rock Church.—W. Drakeford, A. M'Dowell, J. Gardner.

Padget's Creek Church.— —— ——.

1. The following officers were elected: W. B. JOHNSON, President; J. DAVIS, Vice President; J. C. FURMAN, Secretary.

2. The minister and deacons of the church, and brethren Wilson and Z. Watkins, were appointed the committee to arrange the order of preaching.

3. An application for membership from the Moriah Association was received and granted. Brethren P. T. Hammond, J. Patterson, and W. T. Jones, their delegates in attendance, were welcomed to a seat. The Buffalo Baptist Church was also received as a constituent body, represented by brethren J. M. Perry and J. M. C. Breaker.

4. The Constitution, and Rules of Order, were read.

5. Ministering brethren in attendance were invited to a seat.

6. A communication from the President of the American and Foreign Bible Society was received by the hands of Rev. Dr. Babcock, the Corresponding Secretary; one from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, by the hands of President Waite and Dr. Babcock, as their messengers; another from the Saluda Association, inclosing a contribution of $37 50, by the hands of brethren Rice, Dawson, and Razor; and another from the American Indian Mission Association, through Elder B. C. Morse, agent of the Association.

7. The following committees were announced by the presiding officer: *On Communications from Corresponding Bodies*—Curtis, Abney, Dawson, Dargan, Culpeper. *On the nomination of a Board of Agents, and a Board of Trustees*—Davis, Reynolds, Rice, Lide, Adams. *On Accounts*—Wilson, Hammond, Robert, Graham, Horn.

† Absent.

On the place and time of next meeting, and persons to preach—Nicholes, Landrum, R. Furman, Hall, J. S. Lawton.

8. A communication from the Charleston Juvenile Female Missionary and Education Society, having been read by the President, it was, on motion, referred to a committee, consisting of A. J. Lawton, T. Curtis, H. J. Dean, and J. O. B. Dargan, who subsequently submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee appointed to examine the Indenture proposed to the Convention at its last session, by the Charleston Juvenile Missionary and Education Society, beg leave to report:

That, in receiving annual contributions from our benevolent sisters in Charleston, the Convention has acted under the impression, that what would be expected of your body was to secure to them the object of their wishes, namely, the establishment or endowment of a scholarship in the Furman Institution; and that if the control of appointments to that scholarship were claimed, it would meet their full wishes if that was secured to them. Acting under this impression, the fund thus raised was, in general, invested as the other funds of the Convention; and owing to the very heavy losses by fire, failure of the United States Bank, and other causes, the Convention have been compelled to dispose of all their present available funds to meet urgent and pressing demands on them for buildings, &c., at the seat of the Furman Institution. These circumstances render it impracticable, at present, to comply with the conditions proposed in the Indenture, sent for the signature of the Convention, if it were deemed expedient otherwise to accede to them. Your committee, however, are of opinion, that upon a reconsideration of the subject by our sisters of Charleston, and a candid and frank statement of the condition of our funds, they will be satisfied, if the right to appoint the beneficiary, or beneficiaries, to the scholorship they have raised by their liberality, be secured to them in all time to come, without charge for tuition. Your committee, therefore, recommend that a respectful communication of the above views be made to the ladies composing the above named Society, by the President of the Convention; and that he be hereby authorized to sign, in behalf of your body, an instrument of writing, securing to them, in perpetuity, the right to appoint beneficiaries to be educated in the Furman Institution, to the amount of the lawful interest of the fund they have so generously raised.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the committee.

ALEX'R. J. LAWTON, *Chairman.*

9. Ordered, that fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes of the present meeting be printed, and referred the printing and distribution to the Secretary.

10. Dr. Curtis was appointed to write to the North Carolina Convention; brethren Johnson, Reynolds, Culpeper, Dargan, R. Furman, Curtis, Beattie, Stubbs, Mims, J. C. Furman, messengers. R. Furman to write to the Saluda Association; brethren Chiles, Hill, Z. Watkins, W. Watkins, Landrum, messengers. J. S. Mims to

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write to the Georgia Convention; brethren Dawson, Dargan, Graham, messengers.

11. The Treasurer submitted his report. Committed to the Committee on Accounts.

Adjourned to half past 10 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Br. Curtis.

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SABBATH.

Br. Dargan, according to appointment, preached the charity sermon, from 2 Cor. 5: 14, 15; after which, a collection was made, amounting to $45 50. Br. Babcock preached from Genesis 12: 2; and a collection of $30 was made in aid of the American and Foreign Bible Society. The services of the day were closed by a participation in the Lord's Supper, brethren Johnson and Wait officiating.

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MONDAY, 10 1-2 O'CLOCK.

12. Convention met. Prayer by Br. Davis.

13. The committee on communications from corresponding bodies reported: That on the subject of Indian Missions they feel great sympathy with the object of the Western Association, lately organized in Cincinnati, and located at Louisville, Kentucky, and would recommend that the Circular of the Association, addressed to this Convention, be printed in our Minutes. Brethren will then be more fully informed on the subject of this separate organization in favor of the greatly neglected Aborigines. The Association appears to have done well, in the effort to occupy with zeal this important sphere of christian duty. But you are aware that the Board of Foreign Missions has long had an Indian Department, and we think it wise to refer to the Triennial Convention, in April, the final decision of the question—Whether the whole of the Indian Missions shall be transferred to this, or some other Association?

The North Carolina State Association have expressed a brotherly regret, that none of our last year's delegation met with their body; and have sent highly valued brethren of their's and our's, now sitting with us. Some peculiar personal circumstances produced this failure on the part of our delegation last year. We have this year enlarged it, and hope there will be no such failure. A letter to the North Carolina has already been voted.

T. CURTIS, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

14. The committee of nomination of a Board of Trustees, and a Board of Agents, having reported, the following names were chosen, viz.: *For the Board of Trustees*—W. B. Johnson, J. Davis, R. Fuller, J. C. Furman, J. M. Timmons, W. Smith, J. M. Roberts, J. O. B. Dargan, R. Furman, A. J. Lawton, A. D. Jones, J. M. Chiles, T. P. Lide, J. A. Lawton, C. M. Breaker, Y. J. Harrington, Z. Watkins, W. Drakeford, J. G. Landrum, J. K. M'Iver, J. Boykin, M. T. Mendenhall, A. Rice, J. L. Reynolds. J. B. O'Neall, J. Culpeper. *For the Board of Agents*—W. B. Johnson, A. J.

Lawton, J. C. Furman, J. Culpeper, C. M. Breaker, A. Rice, Z. Watkins, J. M. Roberts.

15. The committee on the time and place of next meeting, and persons to preach, reported: That the next meeting of this body be held with the Baptist church at Darlington Court House, to commence on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in December next; that W. B. Johnson preach the introductory sermon, M. Suares his alternate; that T. Curtis preach the charity sermon, S. Furman his alternate.

Report adopted.

16. Some communications having been made in regard to the publication of the Southern Baptist Advocate, and the prospect of its continuance, the following resolutions were offered and adopted: Whereas we have learned that the Southern Baptist Advocate is on the point of failing, on account of the want of sufficient support—*Therefore Resolved*, That this Convention entertain a high sense of the value and importance of a well conducted religions periodical of our denomination in the State; that we duly appreciate the labors of Dr. Curtis, in endeavoring to establish the above mentioned paper in the city of Charleston; that we urgently, but respectfully, request him to persevere in his efforts in this good work, while we promise our hearty co-operation, so far as consistent with other duties; and that we urge upon the publishers the importance of appointing a travelling agent for said paper.

17. The following resolution was passed unanimously: *Resolved*, That the due observance of the Lord's Day is a matter of paramount importance to all churches of our Lord, and to the community; and that the desecration of the day, by travelling in a public and private way, by secular business and worldly pleasure, is too notorious among us; that we highly approve, therefore, of all prudent measures to secure its observance.

18. Br. Waite, President of Wake Forest College, made a communication, under the sanction of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, conveying the pleasing assurance, that the brethren of that State had heard with great satisfaction the resolutions adopted by this body at Society Hill, recommending to the Baptists of this State the Wake Forest College, as deserving their patronage, and inviting the favorable regards of the brethren in that State toward the Furman Institution, as a place of resort for the young ministers among them, seeking the advantage of theological instruction.

19. The letters to the Saluda Association, and the Georgia Convention, were read and approved.

20. Ordered, that the amount collected after the charity sermon on Sunday be equally divided between Foreign Missions and Education.

21. The Committee on Accounts reported, in part, as follows:

MONEYS

Sent up to the Convention by various Bodies.

NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. and For. Bible Society.	General Purposes.	Education Purposes.	Domestic Missions.	Furman Institution.	Total.
Edgefield Association	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 25	21 25
Edisto Association	14 82	27 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 31
Anderson District Missionary Society	30 95	15 47	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 42
Saluda Association	25 00	12 00	.....	.....	0 50	.....	37 50
Tyger River Association	45 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 75
Little River Church	.....	.....	3 15	.....	.....	.....	3 15
Fairfield Church	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	2 00	10 00
Pipe Creek Female Missionary Society	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00
Moriah Association	53 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 00
Anderson Village Church	3 80	3 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 60
Buffalo Church	8 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 65
Flat Rock Church	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	7 00
Head of Enoree Church	.....	5 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 67
Collection on Lord's Day	22 75	.....	.....	22 75	.....	.....	45 50
TOTALS	239 72	64 42	11 15	29 75	0 50	23 25	368 80

The above is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. WILSON, *Chairman.*

Report concurred in.

22. *Resolved*, That we have heard with unfeigned pleasure, that there is a probability of Br. Kincaid, our beloved missionary, visiting the Southern States; and we hereby express the confident assurance, that such a visit will be highly gratifying to our Southern brethren, and greatly instrumental in advancing the interests of the missionary cause.

Adjourned to 12 o'clock on Tuesday. Prayer by Br. Reynolds.

TUESDAY, 12 O'CLOCK.

23. Convention met. Prayer by Br. W. Watkins.

24. Dr. Babcock addressed the body; whereupon it was *Resolved*, That this Convention have received a visit from the Rev. Dr Babcock, Corresponding Secretary of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and have listened to an address from him with great pleasure, and give him, and the Society he represents, the assurance of our undiminished attachment to the great objects of its organization, and of our hearty co-operation with them in the promotion of the same.

Resolved, That union in the whole Baptist communion in the United States, in the Bible cause, is a matter of the first importance; while we sincerely deprecate any thing that may tend to schism and division.

25. Elder B. C. Morse, agent of the Indian Mission Association, having addressed the Convention, it was ordered that the President of this body furnish him with a letter of recommendation to the friends of the cause of truth and righteousness in our State.

26. The appointment of a beneficiary on the fund of the Charles-

ton Juvenile Female Missionary and Education Society, was referred to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

27. Brethren T. Curtis and C. M. Breaker were appointed as delegates to the Triennial Convention; and the President of the Convention was empowered to fill any vacancy.

28. An effort was made to raise at once an amount for the liquidation of the balance of the debt due for the lands of the Institution. One hundred and thirty-five dollars were paid in cash; and notes payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees on 15th June next, amounting to two hundred and eighty dollars, were given by individuals present.

29. *Resolved*, That we employ four agents for two months each, to take up collections, to be reported by the 15th June next, for the purpose of extinguishing the debt due for the lands of the Institution, and other purposes, which require prompt payments the ensuing year; that such agents be allowed, each, one dollar per day for their services, and be directed to divide the State into four sections, and to set apart to each one the section most convenient to him; that such agents be further directed to limit their calls upon the liberality of our brethren and friends to small sums. *Resolved*, That the following brethren be requested to accept such agencies: Z. Watkins, N. Graham, J. Culpeper, and T. Dawson. *Resolved*, That as preparatory to the success of our agents, our ministering brethren be requested to address their congregations upon the subject as opportunity may serve. *Resolved*, That each agent shall forward his collections, when completed, to W. Smith, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

30. *Resolved*, That an abstract of the report of the Board of Trustees be printed with our Minutes. An account of the formation of the State Baptist Bible Society, formed during the meeting of this body, and any statement of the doings of the Baptist Education Society, which their Secretary might furnish, it was agreed should also be published with the Minutes.

31. *Resolved*, That the Hymn Book published by the American Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, be recommended for adoption by the churches in our State; and that our brother, Elder T. Dawson, now acting as colporteur for the sale of the publications of said Society, be commended to the countenance of our brethren generally.

32. The Committee on Accounts made a final report: That they had examined the Treasurer's report, and found it correctly cast, and well vouched.

Report concurred in.

33. *Ordered*, That the sum of fifty dollars and seventy-five cents, under the head of Education Purposes, on the Treasurer's book, be transferred to the fund under the head of Theological Purposes; and that the funds, designated "Theological Buildings' Fund," and "Permanent Fund," be transferred in the same way.

34. *Resolved*, That the work necessary to be done upon the house occupied by Professor Mims, be referred to the judgment of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Voted, unanimously, That the thanks of this body are due to the brethren and friends of this vicinity, for their cordial hospitality.

The Convention then adjourned, after prayer by the President.

WILLIAM BULLEIN JOHNSON, *President.*

JAMES C. FURMAN, *Secretary.*

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THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN MISSION ASSOCIATION,* to the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, when assembled in December, 1843 :

DEAR BRETHREN—

Permit us, affectionately and fervently, to request your attention to, and your co-operation in, the important enterprise in which we have embarked, of promoting efficient efforts for the salvation of the aboriginal tribes of North America.

Philosophy and facts demonstrate that the original inhabitants of this country are susceptible of improvement in all that is necessary to comfort in this life, or to happiness in the life to come, by the same instrumentalities by which men of European descent are elevated. Hitherto efforts for their relief, though beneficial to a few, have been too feeble to arrest their downward course as a people. They, like all other suffering men, have claims upon the sympathies of their fellow men. In *addition* to which, they have *special* claims upon community within the favored United States. The most favorable construction which we can place upon the relation, which our nation, or any other civilized power, has established with them, cannot conceal the distressing fact, that they have rapidly perished by it. The heathen, in other countries, have not been *injured* by us; the Indians *have*, until they are reduced to much less than half their original number. Diseases, ardent spirits, and numerous other evils, to which they were once strangers, have been let in upon them like a flood. Among them, with the exception of a few to whom the hand of kindness has been extended, the evils which have destroyed their hundreds of thousands, continue their devastating influence. If, in generations past, the Anglo Americans have been the unintentional destroyers of the original inhabitants, can we, in the clearer light of the benevolent age in which we live, and in view of the past, *continue to destroy them?* The heart of every philanthropist, and that of the christian, with doubled emphasis, must answer *no.* We are on the ground which they once occupied, and no foreign nation can be expected to interpose in their behalf. They are thrown entirely upon the philanthropy of American christians.

In addition to labors, in common with other denominations of christians for the salvation and general improvement of the condi-

* See article 13th of preceding Minutes.

tion of the Indians, the Baptists have, for twenty years, endeavored to promote the adoption of a policy by which those people might be rendered stationary, and be brought fully within the influence of the incentives to industry and virtue, which are essential to the prosperity of white men; a system which could be followed up until it should embrace, in its benefits, the remotest and most degraded horde of red men. This great work has been entered upon, and an assignment to Indian occupancy has been made, of a territory, ample in extent and resources, west of the States of Missouri and Arkansas, in which are settled about ninety thousand Indians; and the design of forming a second Indian Territory, where those people can enjoy the benefits of *law*, without which any people must be wretched, has already entered into the plans of government.

This Association was organized last October, but the Board of Managers could not enter upon their appropriate duties till February of the present year. The commencement of all institutions and enterprises must be a "day of small things." In this undertaking we are encouraged by the general voice of approval of our denomination, so far as heard from, and by the blessings which attend the labors of our few missionaries in the Indian field. Nine Indians have already been baptized by them since their appointment, and a very animating state of things continues.

We hope you will esteem the work, in which we are engaged, as one not second in importance to any other known in this age of benevolence, and we again affectionately solicit your co-operation. In addition to numerous individuals, who have assured us of their continued support, the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia has become auxiliary to this Association; auxiliary societies have been formed, and the formation of others is under consideration. These facts are respectfully referred to, as suggesting modes of co-operation desirable to us, and we take this method of addressing you, in order to promote united effort, and to replenish our treasury.

We have missionaries under appointment whom we are unable to send into the Indian country for want of money. Other candidates would willingly accept appointments, and "the fields are white to harvest." The prospect of rescuing this hitherto neglected people from extinction, with which they have been threatened, is brighter than it has ever been before. Many of them, who have become capable of appreciating, to some extent, the blessings of civilization and religion, are intreating us to send them religious and literary teachers; and if suffering humanity could speak in this case, hundreds of thousands, spread over the vast region inhabited by them, would implore us, by their wants and woes, to *withhold* the evils under which they groan, and *are now perishing*, and in lieu thereof, to furnish them with the life-giving doctrines of the Bible. Will you unite with us in responding to these calls?

Signed by order and in behalf of the Board.

ISAAC M'COY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Louisville, Kentucky, November 13, 1843.

P. S. The next annual meeting of the Association will commence on the last Thursday in October next, in this city.

The South Carolina Baptist Education Society.*

FLAT ROCK, DEC. 11, 1843.

The South Carolina Baptist Education Society was, at one o'clock, A. M., called to order by W. B. Johnson, President. The roll was called, when a goodly number of members answered to their names. Several new members came forward, and had their names enrolled.

The report of the Executive Committee was submitted by John Culpeper, their Chairman, giving an account, in detail, of the labors and success of the past year.

The Treasurer, J. Culpeper, read his report, which was ordered to be printed with the Minutes of the Convention, provided such an arrangement could be made with that body.

Elected W. B. Johnson, President; A. G. Lawton, J. C. Furman, J. M. Chiles, and Joseph Grisham, Vice Presidents; and John Culpeper, Secretary and Treasurer.

Elected J. Davis. J. L. Reynolds, J. S. Mims, and John Culpeper, as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion of A. Rice, seconded by J. Culpeper, it was *Resolved*, That each member of the Society will use his best efforts to procure, at least, one additional member during the coming year.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM BULLEIN JOHNSON, *President.*
JOHN CULPEPER, *Secretary.*

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The South Carolina Baptist Bible Society.*

FLAT ROCK, DEC. 12, 1843.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Baptist State Convention, at its meeting in 1842, individuals friendly to the formation of a State Bible Society, met at Flat Rock, this day, and adopted the following Constitution and Rules:

"WHEREAS, it is desirable that the energies of the Baptist Denomination in the United States, should be elicited and combined in the support of the Bible cause, that the Holy Scriptures, contained in the book styled the Bible, may be distributed in all lands: And whereas, the organization of the Societies connected with the American and Foreign Bible Society, whose seat of operation is now fixed in the city of New York, presents the opportunity of effecting this

* See article 30th of preceding Minutes.

object; We, whose names are hereunto annexed, do agree to form ourselves into a State Bible Society, and to be governed by the following Constitution:

"I. This Society shall be called The South Carolina Baptist Bible Society, auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society.

"II. The single object shall be to aid in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures in *all lands*.

"III. Any person who shall pay annually into the treasury of this Society the sum of one dollar, shall be a member; ten dollars at any one time, a member for life; thirty dollars at any one time, a director for life.

"IV. The funds of the Society shall be employed in supplying the wants of the State, and the incidental expenses of the Institution. The surplus shall then be sent to the American and Foreign Bible Society.

"V. The Society shall annually elect a President, four Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee for the transaction of the business of the Society in its recess, and make a report of its proceedings to the Society at its stated meetings. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum for business. These officers shall hold the rank and perform the duties appertaining to similar officers in similar Societies. Life directors shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Executive Committee.

"VI. There shall be an annual and semi-annual meeting of this Society. The annual meeting shall be held at the time and place of the annual meeting of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina. The semi-annual meeting shall be held at the time of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Institution.

"VII. This Society will readily receive similar Societies throughout the State into membership, and welcome their delegates to a seat, with all its privileges, and the officers of such Societies shall be members of this Society *ex officio*. Such contributions as they shall send up, shall be determined by themselves, as to amount and designation.

"VIII. Delegates shall be appointed to the American and Foreign Bible Society at its annual meetings.

"IX. Any alteration in this Constitution may be made at its annual meeting, by two thirds of the members present."

After the adoption of the foregoing Constitution, the following officers were elected, viz.: W. B. Johnson, President; J. Davis, J. L. Reynolds, C. M. Breaker, A. J. Lawton, Vice Presidents; J. M. Mims, Treasurer; R. Furman, Secretary.

Resolved, That all persons in the State, contributing to the objects of the American and Foreign Bible Society, be requested to do so through this channel.

Appointed the following brethren, delegates to the American and Foreign Bible Society, viz.: W. B. Johnson, S. Furman, R. Fuller, D. Sheppard, J. C. Furman, R. Napier, J. B. Miller, G. Kempton,

C. M. Breaker, M. T. Mendenhall, J. G. O. Wilkinson, J. A. Lawton, R. Furman.

WILLIAM BULLEIN JOHNSON, *President.*
R. FURMAN, *Secretary.*

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REPORT OF ALEXANDER J. LAWTON,

Treasurer of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, for December, 1843.

PERMANENT FUND.

1843,		*Principal.*	*Interest.*
Dec.	To amount bonds due per last report,	$27,053 66	$4917 00
	To which add,		
	B. F. Sweat's annuity of $21, for five years, at interest.		
	Whole interest accumulated since,		1933 78
		$27,053 66	$6850 78

PER CONTRA.

1843,		
	By cash of R. J. Davant, interest 1 year,	26 56
Mch. 31,	By cash of Casper Staley, int. to 1st Jan'y., '42, by J. C.,	29 40
	By cash of R. Euller, int. to 1st January, '42, by J. C.,	14 00
	By cash of W. Fuller, int. to 1st January, '43, by J. C.,	28 00
	By cash of Philip Givens, int. to 1st January, '43, by J. C.,	14 00
	By cash of J. Culpeper, on acc't. collections,	16 60
June,	By cash of Jos. A. Lawton, int. 1 yr. to Jan'y., '43,	70 00
	By cash of Elizabeth Stoney, 2 years annuity,	20 00
	By cash of J. A. E. Chovin, int. 1 yr. to '43,	10 50
Jan'y.,	By cash of C. M. Furman, 2 years int. overlooked by M. T. M.,	70 00
	By cash of M. T. Mendenhall, int. 1 year to January, '43,	700 00
Nov.	By cash of A. C. Smith, 2 years int.,	14 00
	By cash of B. H. Brown, int. to January, '43,	14 00
	By cash of H. D. Duncan, int. 3 yrs. to Jan. '43,	42 00
	Amount carried up,	1069 06

	Amount brought up,		$1069 06
Dec.	By cash of I. D. Wilson, 5th instalment,	10 00	
	By cash of Jos. A. Lawton, 1 year's interest to January, '44,		70 00
	By cash of Jos. J. Lawton, 2 years interest to January, '44,		35 00
	By cash of J. O. B. Dargan, 1 year's interest to January, '44,		3 50
	By cash of T. P. Lide, 2 years interest to January, '44,		20 00
	By cash of I. Nicholes, 1 year's interest to January, '44,		3 50
	By cash of J. C. Furman, 2 years interest to January, '44,		63 00
	By cash of W. B. Johnson, 1 year's interest to January, '44,		28 00
	By cash of R. T. Mims, 1 year's interest to January, '44,		10 78
	By cash of G. L. Penn, 1 year's interest to January, '44,		7 00
	By cash of Lewis R. Sams, 5 years interest to January, '43,		175 00
	By cash of Hugh Lide, in full,	32 50	2 50
	By cash of Alex'r. Sparks, 3d instalm't,	50 00	
	By cash of J. M. Timmons,		14 00
	By cash of W. Fort, on account of int.,		25 00
	By cash of E. Pringle,		3 50
	By cash of William Timmons,		21 00
	By cash of R. M. Wheeler,		10 00
	By cash of J. F. Wilson, interest to 1st January, '43,		14 00
	By cash of John Courtney,		21 00
	By cash of Jacob Wheeler,		3 50
	By cash of A. P. Lacoste, on account of interest,		75 00
	By cash of B. F. Sweat,		21 00
	By cash of Rich'd Furman, int. 1 yr.,		7 00
	By cash of E. M. Bostick, on ac't int.,		10 00
	By cash of J. L. Reynolds,		14 00
	By cash of Noah Graham, 1 yr's int.,		2 80
		92 50	1729 14
	Less this amount credited in March, above, received of J. Culpeper, and included in above names,		16 60
	Amount carried over,	92 50	1712 54

Amount brought over,	$92 50	$1712 54
Less, Elizabeth Stoney's life annuity, dead,	10 00	
	102 50	1712 54
Balance due,	26951 16	5138 24

PERMANENT FUND.—CASH.

1843,		
Dec.	By cash on hand per last report,	623 05
	By cash of I. D. Wilson, 7th inslalment,	10 00
	By cash of Hugh Lide, full,	32 50
	By cash of Alexander Sparks,	50 00
		715 55
	By cash of Charleston Female Juvenile Mission and Education Society,	131 75
		847 30
	To cash transfered to Theological Department,	847 30

AGGREGATE OF PERMANENT FUND.

	Principal.	*Int. due.*
Bonds, as per statement above,	$26,951 16	$5138 24
6 shares in Columbia Bridge Co.,	600 00	42 00
42 shares in United States Bank.		
An unsettled account with Union Bank of Charleston, S. C., not much, if any, due.		
Amount paid annually by Savannah River Ass'n., about,		156 00
Similar amount paid by Charleston Ass'n., annually about,		250 00

GENERAL PURPOSES.

1843,		
Dec.	To balance due Treasurer, per last report,	53 30
March,	To cash paid Wm. Riley for Minutes,	75 00
	To expenses, &c., of Treasurer,	60 00
		188 30

PER CONTRA.

	By cash of Wm. Kipp, originally subscribed to have correspondence of Messrs. Fuller and England published,	$5 00
	By cash of estate Mrs. Williams, of Society Hill,	147 41
Dec.	By cash at Convention,	11 15
	By cash of J. Culpeper, agent,	27 50
	By cash of do. do. 2d payment,	27 50
		218 56
	Balance on hand,	30 26

CHARLESTON FEMALE JUVENILE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY. (*Included in Permanent Fund.*)

1843,		
Dec.	By corrected account of said Fund, after deducting loss by United States Bank stock, as per last report,	2213 33
	By interest thereon, for one year, to date,	154 93
	By check on Bank at Convention,	131 75
	Present amount of Fund,	2500 01

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

1843,		
Dec.	To balance due the Treasurer per last report,	$845 78
	To cash paid Prof. Reynolds, 1st quarter, 1843,	325 00
	To cash paid Prof. Mims, 1st quarter, 1843,	200 00
	To cash paid Prof. Reynolds, 2d quarter, 1843,	325 00
	To cash paid Prof. Mims, 2d quarter, 1843,	200 00
		1895 78
	To cash paid Prof. James S. Mims, 3d and 4th quarters, to January, 1844,	400 00
	To cash paid J. L. Reynolds, 3d and 4th quarters, to January, 1844,	650 00
		2945 78
	To balance on hand, carried down to credit,	788 61
		3734 39

PER CONTRA.

By interest received on bonds, per statement,	$1712 54
By dividend on Columbia Bridge Company,	49 50
By cash of J. Culpeper, agent, for Professors' salaries,	10 00
By cash of Savannah River Association,	156 80
By cash transferred from Furman Institution,	23 25
By cash transferred from Permanent Fund,	847 30
By cash transferred from Theological Buildings,	935 00
	3734 39
By balance on hand, brought down,	788 61

BENEFICIARIES IN THEOLOGY.

1843,		
Dec.	By cash on hand, per last report,	36 00
	By cash of J. Culpeper, agent,	20 00
		56 00

THEOLOGICAL BUILDINGS.

1843,		
Dec.	By cash on hand per last report,	840 00
	By cash of H. D. Duncan, in full, Watkins' sub.,	20 00
	By cash of J. Culpeper, agent,	75 00
		935 00
	To cash transferred to Theological Department,	935 00

EDUCATION PURPOSES.

1843,		
Dec.	By cash per last report,	21 00
	By cash at Convention,	29 75
		50 75

LIBRARY OF FURMAN INSTITUTION.

1843,		
Dec.	By cash on hand, per last report,	20 00
	To cash paid J. L. Reynolds,	20 00

FURMAN INSTITUTION.

1843,		
Dec.	By cash at this session of Convention,	$23 25
	To cash transferred to Theological Department,	23 25

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

1843,		
	By cash, per last report,	59 50
	By cash at this Convention,	0 50
		60 00

AMERICAN BAP'T. BOARD FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1843,		
March,	By cash, per last report,	263 76
	To cash remitted Heman Lincoln, Treasurer,	263 76
1843,		
Dec. 12,	By cash at Convention,	239 72
	By cash of J. Culpeper, agent,	52 25
	By cash of Cherokee Indians, per do.,	5 00
	By cash for Burman Bible,	5 00
		301 97

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

1843,		
March,	By cash, per last report,	14 50
	To cash remitted Heman Lincoln, Treasurer of Baptist Board for Foreign Missions,	14 50
1843,		
Dec.	By cash at Convention,	64 42
Dec. 12,	To cash paid Rufus Babcock, Secretary American and Foreign Bible Society,	64 42

FOR EXTINGUISHING DEBT OF INSTITUTION.

1843,		
Dec. 12,	By cash of J. Culpeper, agent,	139 15
	By cash of Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson,	5 00
		144 15

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PER CONTRA.

To cash of Wm. Smith, Treasurer of Trustees, by J. Culpeper, agent,	100 00
To cash paid J. L. Reynolds, to hand to Col. Smith,	24 65
To cash paid A. Rice, to hand to do.,	14 50
	139 15
By balance on hand, paid me after adjournment of Convention,	5 00

AGGREGATE OF CASH ON HAND.

For Education Purposes,	50 75
For Domestic Missions,	60 00
For American Baptist Board for Foreign Missions,	301 97
For General Purposes,	30 26
For Theological Department,	788 61
For Beneficiaries in Theology,	56 00
For extinguishing Debt of Institution,	5 00
	$1292 59

ALEX'R. J. LAWTON, *Treasurer.*

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, find it correct in all its items.

JOHN F. WILSON, *Chairman.*

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COLLECTIONS BY JOHN CULPEPER, AGENT.

FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

From James E. Lyles, $20; B. F. Smith, $5,	$25 00
Robert Martin, $5 50; Mrs. E. A. Prince, $2 50,	8 00
John O. David, $5; James E. David, $5,	10 00
Charlotte Terrell, 50 cents; E. R. Wilson, $5,	5 50
William Wingate, $10; A Friend at Hopewell Church, $1,	11 00
Bethel Association, $7 50; A. Antley, $5,	12 50
D. Rice, $5; Leroy Watson, $10; A Friend, 50 cents,	15 50
T. R. Tucker, 25 cents; Mrs. M. S. Baynard, $5,	5 25
L. M. Ayer, $5; A. H. David, $5; J. C. James, $5,	15 00
G. L. Williamson, $5; John Courtney, $10,	15 00

Elias G. Dubose, $1; Mrs. M. E. Miller, $40,	41 00
Mrs. P. A. Dupre, $3; Mrs. Susan Flemming, 75 cents,	3 75
J. W. Burn, $6; T. J. Flynn, $10,	16 00
A. J. Rambo, $25; Elisha Tyler, $3 50,	28 50
John Lott, $10; Wilson Hall, $10; B. R. Bostick, $20,	40 00
A. P. Lacoste, $25; H. A. Duncan, $40,	65 00
J. D. Boyd, $20; J. M. Roberts, $10, (omitted in 1841,)	30 00
F. W. Fickling, $10; Doct. Brantly, $10,	20 00
Seth Buller, $25; James F. Watson, $10,	35 00
—— Waller, $5; D. J. Walker, $5; George Kempton, $5,	15 00
Bethel Association,	10 50
J. O. B. Dargan, $12 50; C. M. Breaker, $10,	22 50
George Kempton,	5 00
	455 00

FOR SUPPORT OF BENEFICIARIES.

Charles M. Furman,	20 00

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Bethel Association,	49 75
Mrs. E. A. Prince,	2 50
	52 25

INTEREST ON BONDS.

E. M. Bostick, $10; Hugh Lide, in full, principal and interest, $35,	45 00
A. Sparks, part of instalment, $50; Wm. Fuller, $28; R. Fuller, $14,	92 00
J. M. Timmons, $14; W. Fort, $25,	39 00
Philip Givens, $14; E. Pringle, $3 50; W. Timmons, $21,	38 50
R. M. Wheeler, $10; J. F. Wilson, $14;	24 00
John Courtney, $21; Jacob Wheeler, $3 50,	24 50
A. P. Lacoste, $75; Doct. B. F. Sweat, $21,	96 00
Richard Furman, $7; Casper Staley, $29 40,	36 40
	395 40

MISSION TO THE CHEROKEE INDIANS.

Bethel Association,	5 00

FOR BURMAN BIBLE.

Bethel Association,	5 00

ON WATKINS' SUBSCRIPTION FOR THEOLOG'L BUILDINGS.

William Wingate, $15; Jacob Wheeler, $10,	25 00
N. M'Call, $25; William Wingate, $25,	50 00
	75 00

FOR PROFESSORS' SALARIES.

William Smith,	$10 00

FOR PAYING DEBT OF INSTITUTION ON 25ct. PLAN.

Mechanicsville Church, Darlington,	13 25
Black Creek Church, Darlington, $13 25; Mount Zion, $2 50,	15 75
Darlington Church, $10; Lower Fork Lynche's Creek, $5,	15 00
Lake Swamp, $1; Antioch, $2,	3 00
Welsh Neck Association,	24 50
Concord, Fairfield, $11; Buffalo, $3,	14 00
Congaree, Richland, $6; Beulah, $6 15,	12 15
Doct. Blanding, 25 cents; A. Gibson and wife, 50 cents,	0 75
A Friend, 25 cents; Welsh Neck Church, $26,	26 25
Mount Zion Church, Spartanburg,	5 00
Peniel Church, Abbeville,	2 50
Neil's Creek Church, Anderson,	1 00
Flat Rock Church, Kershaw,	6 00
	139 15

FOR THE SO. CA. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

W. B. Johnson, $5; Y. J. Harrington, $5; T. P. Lide, $5.	15 00
J. Davis, $5; J. L. Reynolds, $5; B. Robinson, $5; O. Woodward, $5,	20 00
W. T. Woodward, $5; L. Trapp, $5; J. M. Timmons, $5,	15 00
J. B. O'Neal, $5; J. Culpeper, $5; W. Smith, $5,	15 00
W. T. Montgomery, $10; W. E. Hughson, $5; L. Boykin, $5,	20 00
A. Rice, $10; T. N. Sloan, $5; W. C. Smith, $5; H. J. Dean, $10,	30 00
W. Brooks, $5; J. Boman, $5; W. W. Harris, $5,	15 00
Mrs. Gen'l. Thompson, $5; A. M. Legge, $10; N. L. Griffin, $5,	20 00
W. Curtis, $5: J. Lipscombe, $5; A. B. Addison, $5; R. L. Mays, $5,	20 00
G. Pope, $5; G. L. Penn, $5; C. L. Goodwin, $5; M. M. Abney, $5,	20 00
S. C. Broadway, $5; J. Maybin, $10; T. Ray, $5; J. G. Kaigler, $10,	30 00
W. W. Childers, $5; B. Hagood, $5; N. Graham, $5; T. Adams, $5,	20 00
J. C. Furman, $5; A. J. Lawton, $5; J. S. Mims, $5,	15 00
J. M. Roberts, $5; H. D. Duncan, $5; R. Fuller, $5,	15 00
Brethren of Edgefield District, per W. B. Johnson,	39 00
Richard Kennedy, $10; L. Jackson, $5,	15 00
	324 00

Aggregate of collections by J. Culpeper,		$1480 80
Retained for his salary, as agent,	$400 00	
Retained, as Treasurer of Education Society,	324 00	
Cash paid W. Smith, Treasurer of Board of Trustees, entered in Treasurer of Convention's account, for payment of debt,	100 00	
Paid Treasurer of Convention in March last, and now, and entered by him under appropriate heads,	$656 80	

J. CULPEPER, *Agent.*

J. CULPEPER in account with the So. Ca. Baptist Education Society.

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To this amount paid by A. J. Lawton, Treasurer of the Charleston Female Juvenile Missionary and Education Society,	$50 00
To this amount paid by A. J. Lawton, Treasurer, on account of annual payments by members of Female Baptist Education Society. for 1842,	120 00
To this amount of annual membership, paid this year,	285 00
To this amount from sundry persons of Edgefield District, for the support of Z. Campbell, per W. B. Johnson,	39 00
To this amount from Trustees of Furman Institution, per William Smith, Treasurer,	71 00
	$565 00

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By this amount paid to Jesse M. Perry, beneficiary, by order of Executive Committee,	100 00
By this amount paid Samuel Nicholson, beneficiary, by order of Executive Committee,	100 00
By this amount paid Peter Nicholson, beneficiary, by order of Executive Committee,	100 00
By this amount paid A. J. Forguson, beneficiary, by order of Executive Committee,	100 00
By this amount paid T. Campbell, beneficiary, by order of Executive Committee,	39 00
By this amount paid J. M. C. Breaker, beneficiary, by order of Executive Committee,	39 00
By this amount paid for blank books, by order of Society,	2 25
Cash on hand,	84 75
	$565 00

JOHN CULPEPER, *Treasurer.*

MINUTES

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE FURMAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

FURMAN INSTITUTION, JUNE 17, 1843.

1. The Board met, the following members being present, viz.: Davis, Johnson, Smith, J. C. Furman, J. O. B. Dargan, J. Culpeper, Lide, Reynolds, Harrington, R. Furman. Prayer by Br. Dargan.

2. The Secretary being absent, R. Furman was requested to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

3. The Executive Committee reported, that they had attended to the ordinary matters of business incumbent upon them; and that they had no communications to make, specially deserving the notice of the Board.

4. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay any amounts in his hands for beneficiaries, to the Committee of the Education Society.

The Board adjourned, to meet at the call of the President.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

5. The minister and deacons of the church were appointed a committee to arrange the preaching to-morrow.

6. *Resolved*, That the amount for board be eighty-five dollars ($85,) for the scholastic year.

7. *Resolved*, That Professor Mims be requested to prepare his Inaugural Address, to be delivered at some time during the next meeting of the Convention.

Adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Prayer by Br. Culpeper.

MONDAY MORNING.

8. The Board met; and after attending to the exercises of the examination, which were highly satisfactory, proceeded to business.

9. Dr. Johnson was requested to prepare an account of the exercises of the examination, for publication in the Southern Baptist Advocate. Professor Reynolds was also requested to furnish a copy of his address, on "the importance of a sound theology," for publication in the same paper.

Adjourned. Prayer by Professor Reynolds.

RICHARD FURMAN, *Secretary pro tem.*

FLAT ROCK, DEC. 8, 1843.

1. The Board met; and after prayer by President Wait, of North Carolina, the following members were found to be present, viz.: Davis, Johnson, J. C. Furman, Dargan, Culpeper, Lide, C. M. Breaker, Rice, R. Furman.

2. Dr. Johnson having been prevented, by severe and protracted indisposition, from preparing rules for the better organization of the Institution, was requested by the Board to perform that service when the state of his health shall admit of his doing so.

3. Read the Treasurer's report, which was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of A. Rice, and T. P. Lide.

4. Dr. Johnson's health not admitting of his complying with the appointment to preach the introductory sermon to-morrow, Professor Mims was requested *then* to deliver his inaugural address at 12 o'clock.

5. The agent's report was read and received. Whereupon, it was *Resolved*, That so much of it as relates to collections, be published with the Minutes of the Convention.

6. Appointed J. C. Furman, Dargan, Breaker, and Watkins, a committee on that portion of the agent's report referring to the appointment of an agent for the ensuing year.

Adjourned, to meet at the call of the President.

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MONDAY MORNING.

7. The Board met; three additional members being present, A. J. Lawton, Watkins, and Reynolds.

8. The report of the Executive Committee was received, and concurred in.

9. The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's report, reported, that, upon examination, they found it correct.

Adjourned.

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TUESDAY MORNING.

10. The Board, newly elected, met. Prayer by Dr. Babcock. Elected Davis, President; Johnson, Vice President; Smith, Treasurer; R. Furman, Secretary.

11. Brethren Davis, Reynolds, Mims, Smith, Robertson, were appointed the Executive Committee.

12. Brethren Johnson and Reynolds were appointed a committee to request of Professor Mims a copy of his inaugural for publication.

13. Br. Culpeper presented his resignation as Steward. Whereupon, it was *Resolved*, That this Board entertain a high sense of his services as Steward; and the Secretary was requested to tender him the thanks of the Board.

14. The Executive Committee were requested to make arrangements towards securing a Steward for the ensuing year.

15. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be authorized to appropriate the rent of the lands for the ensuing year, to the improvement of the fences, &c., on the premises.

16. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the Professor's accounts for books, out of funds that may be in his hands for that purpose.

Adjourned, to meet at the Furman Institution, on the Saturday before the third Lord's Day in June.

RICHARD FURMAN, *Secretary.*

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